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Spring 2015

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2014 Township of Zorra Department Highlights

Building & Drainage

The Building Department had a total of 174 permits issued for 2014, with a large percentage of the permits being agricultural again this year. The Building Estimated Value increased by 25.4% from 2013, there were also 22 new house permits issued.

Drainage Department had two new construction drain petitions filed for 2014, and have currently eight new constructions drains underway.

Public Works

Road 88 between 31st Line and 33rd Line was completely rebuilt. This involved flattening of two curves in this road section, raising and widening the road platform as well as drainage improvements.

Road 92 between 31st Line and 37th Line was reconstructed by pulverizing existing asphalt and blending this with additional recycled asphalt. A surface treatment was then applied over the reconstructed road. This corrected a severe cross-fall deficiency on Road 92.

Road 88 between 35th Line and 37th Line was scarified to a depth of 250 mm and two compacted lifts of Granular A material was added to reshape this section of road.

The Public Works Department crushed 75,000 tonnes of Granular 'M' gravel at the Robinson Pit, screened 6,000 tonnes of Winter Sand, screened 3000 tonnes of gabion stone and crushed 5900 tonnes of 25 mm stone. Also, excavated and repaved seven sections of paved roads that had severe breakup from the 2013-2014 Winter Season.

Fire & Emergency Services

In 2014 Zorra Fire & Emergency Services responded to 181 emergency 911 calls, down slightly from our busiest year ever in 2013.

Of the 181 calls we attended, 13% were fire related, with estimated losses exceeding just over 1 million dollars.

The remaining calls were comprised of 31% medical, 26% rescue/ motor vehicle collisions, and the remaining 30% of calls covering such things as CO/ Smoke detector false alarms, mutual aid and public hazard calls. Fortunately all of which ended in no loss of life or injury to either fire fighter or resident as a result of fire.

On another positive note, once again Zorra Fire was the recipient of some special funding from businesses close to home. Special thanks to Oxford Mutual's, Community Grant i-Fund, and Sterk Seeds Ltd/DuPont Pioneer's, Funding Initiatives for Rural Emergencies (F.I.R.E.) These generous companies allow us the opportunity to purchase specialized equipment, creating a safer and more efficient environment for our fire fighters when responding to those in need.

Providing vision for the future evolution of Zorra Fire, the Township of Zorra purchased a parcel of land on the south side of County Road 2 on the west end of the Village of Thamesford. This site is to become the home of the new Thamesford Fire Station and the Township's Emergency Operation Center. Construction is slated to begin this spring, with completion later this year.

All of these positive events make for a very exciting year for Zorra Fire & Emergency Services.

In closing, a simple request. Please help us find you in your time of need. Ensure your 911 number sign is clear of debris and snow and your house number is visible and illuminated at night.

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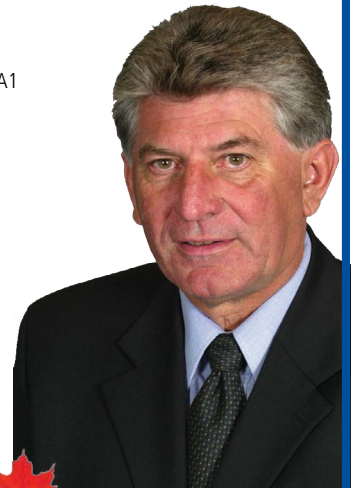
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Emergency Preparedness Week May 3-9, 2015 20th year of EP Week for Canada!

Ontario Fire Marshall and Emergency Management Ontario's theme this year is "Know the Risks, Reduce them Together!", focusing on collective planning for emergencies.

Create an Emergency Preparedness Action Plan and track how many Zorra residents become involved at: <https://beprepared.emergencymanagementontario.ca/myplan>



FIREWORKS

Please keep in mind that the Township has a new Fireworks By-law, #36-2014. Some of the changes to the previous By-law are additions to the definitions and general provisions sections. Some of the changes are as follows: Definitions that differentiate "Display Fireworks" vs "Consumer Fireworks" and "Pyrotechnics". Display firework means high hazard, generally used for community celebrations.

- Display fireworks shall not be sold to anyone under the age of 18.
- Shall not be ignited without first obtaining a permit approved by the Fire Chief.
- Requires the permit holder to obtain liability insurance of \$5,000,000.

Many additional requirements, please review By-law for further detail.

All retail sales of consumer fireworks requires and application permit, fees, and approval from the Fire Chief or his designate. All fines related to fireworks are set at \$200.00 plus surcharge.

If you plan on celebrating a national holiday (Canada Day, Victoria Day, Labour Day), with the use of fireworks, please review the By-law which can be found at www.zorra.on.ca, or contact the Municipal Law Enforcement Officer or Fire Chief for further detail.

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"When it comes to fire and carbon monoxide safety, we all have a role to play."

Here are two things you need to do to help keep you and your family safe:

1. Get an annual inspection for all fuel-fired appliances in your home.
2. Install and regularly test carbon monoxide and smoke alarms.

As of April 15, 2015, you must install a carbon monoxide alarm adjacent to all sleeping areas of your home if your home has a fuel-burning appliance, a fireplace or an attached garage.

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BBQ at the Fire Station in Embro July 1st, from 9 am to 1 pm during garage sales



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Yard and Lot Maintenance:

Spring is here, the snow has melted and the grass has started to grow. Please keep in mind that the Township has a Yard and Lot Maintenance By-law that consists of provisions to keep all properties pest free, aesthetically consistent, safe, and to keep the community beautiful and property values high.

In order to maintain this consistency and with regards to safety and appearance, grass and weeds must be maintained at a height less than 8 inches. Further, property owners and tenants shall keep their land free from industrial and domestic wastes, inoperable motorized vehicles (both licensed or unlicensed), vehicle parts, construction materials, and other refuse. If refuse has started to accumulate on your property, you are required to place it in appropriate containers, stored at the side or rear of your lot, and placed curbside within 14 days.

The process for a Land Clearance inspection is as follows:

Upon inspection of a yard that does not conform to the by-law, the Owner will receive a Work Order from the Municipal Law Enforcement Officer in person or by mail. The order will notify the property owner of the items in need of attention, provide a reasonable deadline, and a notice that the property needs to stay within compliance for a 12 month rolling period. If, within time noted on the work order, the property does not conform, the Township will charge an inspection fee of \$95 + HST collected the same as taxes and will arrange to have the yard remedied at the Owner's expense.

This is a new By-law, replacing By-law 70-2011. A copy of the Yard and Lot Maintenance By-law 15-2015 can be found on the Township website at www.zorra.on.ca.

Noise:

If you are a dog owner and you have a dog that is very vocal, please be mindful of your neighbours as constant barking can be very disruptive and bothersome. The consistent barking and whining emitted from your dog may be violating the Township Noise By-law 69-2012. In addition, if you live in a residential area, excessive noise from stereos, amplified instruments, televisions, etc. may be contravening the By-law. If you are listening to any electronic device, be considerate of you neighbourhood, turn the volume down and listen at a general listening level. Any contravention to the Noise By-law may result in a fine of \$125.00 plus other fees.

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Municipal Law Enforcement Officer
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The 2nd Instalment of your 2015 Taxes is **due May 29, 2015.**

Final 2015 Tax Bills will be issued and mailed the first week of August and their due dates are due **August 31 and October 30, 2015.**

****We now accept Interac at the Office to pay your taxes****

Monthly Pre-Authorized Payment Plan for Property Taxes

There is still time for you to sign up for our Pre-Authorized Payment Plan offered by Zorra Township.

Online or telephone banking is also available for making monthly, arrears, or regular instalments. All banks accept the Township of Zorra as a client and the account number required is your ROLL NUMBER from your tax bill, starting **after 3227.**

To setup your property taxes as a bill payment through your online banking, go to "add a bill" and search for "Zorra". Select Zorra Township Tax and enter the Roll Number from your tax bill as your account number. Use your 15-digit roll number, excluding the dashes, starting after 3227.

Example: If your roll number on your tax bill shows 011-090-25600-0000 then you would enter this as 01109025600. If an error occurs, please add the extra four zeros at the end and try again.

If you are currently enrolled in the pre-authorized payment plan, you do not have to re-apply each year, only if there is a change with the account.

Any tax questions or inquiries, please direct them to Kelly Hall at 519-485-2490 ext 222 or khall@zorra.on.ca

Slow Moving Farm Vehicles and Safety Concerns

Slow-moving farm equipment on roadways can present significant challenges for both motorists and farmers. The Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) reminds farmers there are specific rules farm equipment operators are required to follow to keep our roads safe.

Farm employers must properly train their employees and family members to operate tractors and equipment on roadways. Drivers must be at least 16 years of age and all farm equipment drivers should practice a "no riders policy."

Every tractor, combine or towed implement must display a slow moving vehicle sign to warn motorists that these vehicles will not reach highway speeds. Farm equipment displaying a slow moving vehicle sign is limited to a maximum speed limit of 40 kilometres per hour.

Farm vehicles must yield half the roadway to oncoming traffic, they must be visible and properly lit, and operators must use signal turns. Farm vehicles should be driven on the travelled portion of the road to prevent rolling into the ditch, because road shoulders may not support the weight of farm equipment.

The OFA reminds farmers and rural motorists to be safe and considerate to each other on the roads during this busy season. For more information, visit www.ofa.on.ca.



Township of Zorra Memorial Trees

The Township of Zorra Memorial Tree Program was established in 1995 by the Zorra Cemetery Committee and Council in co-operation with the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (U.T.R.C.A) and various funeral directors in the immediate area.

Memorial trees are planted in various public locations throughout the Township. **Planting takes place annually in the Spring at a pre-selected and approved site made in consultation with the U.T.R.C.A.** A donation may be arranged through the Township of Zorra. The name of the deceased will be published in the "Memorial Tree Dedication Record." The Township of Zorra sends the family of the deceased an in memoriam notice of donation.

The current cost of having a memorial tree planted is \$40.00. (An income tax receipt will be issued by the U.T.R.C.A).

MEMORIAL TREE PLAQUE SIGNS!!



In the Spring, three signs will be erected throughout the Township in Grace Patterson Park, Embro Pond and the Harrington Conservation Area, each sign having Memorial Tree donation names. Donation names since the start of the program in 1995 have been added to the signs.

Have your loved ones name added to a sign or all 3 signs when you purchase a tree for an additional \$10.50 per name plaque. Contact Karen Martin, Clerk for further information regarding either of these initiatives at 519-485-2490 ext. 228 or kmartin@zorra.on.ca

TOWNSHIP OF ZORRA MEMORIAL TREE FOREST

In addition to the Township of Zorra Memorial Tree Program, the Township has partnered with Brock and Visser Funeral Home – Thamesford Chapel (formerly Betzner Funeral Home) and U.T.R.C.A to have trees planted in memory of those individuals whose funeral arrangements have been conducted through Brock and Visser Funeral Home in appreciation of the confidence and trust placed in them by the families they serve.

Zorra's Memorial Tree Forest will be located on the 43rd Line, North of Road 68 on land owned by the U.T.R.C.A. Annually in the spring, U.T.R.C.A. will supervise and control all plantings and ground preparation work.

The trees will be chosen from the original Carolinian Forest species of our region – Green and White Ash, Red Maple, Sugar Maple, Red Oak, Kentucky Coffee and Sycamore trees.



These trees will benefit our Township in many ways. Trees provide shelter for wildlife, control soil erosion, provide wind protection, shade and remove carbon dioxide and provide oxygen.

Brock and Visser Funeral Home will be erecting a sign at the Memorial Tree Forest location. An annual memorial service will also be held to recognize all of those who had a tree planted in their memory.

Garbage and recycling pick up is changing

Learn more at www.oxfordcounty.ca/waste

NEW CALENDAR COMING SOON

The April to September interim waste management calendar was delivered the beginning of April. If you did not receive one in the mail you can request one online at www.oxfordcounty.ca/waste or pick one up at your township office, the Oxford County Administration Building, or the Waste Management Facility in Salford.

SPECIAL WASTE EVENTS

May 2, 2015 – 944 James Street, Woodstock

September 12, 2015 – 300 Ingersoll Street (CAMI), Ingersoll

The events will run 8:00 am – 12:00 pm (noon). Acceptable materials include household hazardous waste, tires off the rim, scrap metal, white goods, electronics, and paper shredding.

WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY

Hours of Operation

Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Saturday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

384060 Salford Road, Salford

2015 Tipping Fees

Garbage \$67.14/metric tonne

Freon Units \$15/unit

Construction and Demolition Material \$68.93/metric tonne

The following items can be brought in at no charge*:

- Blue Box Recycling
- Cardboard
- Tires off the rim
- Electronics
- Household Hazardous Waste
- Scrap Metal
- Bale Wrap

* Must not be brought in with a chargeable waste

NEW CURBSIDE GARBAGE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION PROGRAM COMING IN SEPTEMBER

Oxford County is changing its waste management program to bring you better service at less cost, and with less impact to the environment. Starting September 14, 2015, garbage and recycling will be picked up by the same truck, at the same time on a weekly basis. And, with our new trucks, you will no longer need to sort containers (plastic, cans, and bottles) from fibres (paper) – you can use the same box for everything. Look for the new full calendar in August!

Questions?

Call: 519-539-9800 | 1-800-755-0394



Aggregate Policy Review

At the January 13, 2015 meeting of the Council of the Township of Zorra, By-law 05-15 was passed "being a by-law to establish interim control provisions for the Township of Zorra to prohibit new or expanded mineral aggregate operations and new concrete and asphalt recycling plants for a period of one year in order to permit the completion of a Planning Review of the related existing Official Plan Policies and Zoning Provisions."

The Township of Zorra and the County of Oxford have initiated a review of policies and provisions related to Aggregate Extraction (Sand and Gravel Pits and Quarries). As part of this review, the Township is requesting residents and operators to participate in a survey. The survey will be available on the Township website or at the Municipal Office until June 14, 2015. Please take the time to fill out the survey!

For more information, please visit our website: www.zorra.on.ca or contact one of the following:

- Don MacLeod, Chief Administrative Officer, Township of Zorra, dmacleod@zorra.on.ca 519-485-2490 ext. 226
- Jennifer Huff, Development Planner, Community and Strategic Planning at jhuff@oxfordcounty.ca 519-593-9800 ext. 3219
- Gordon Hough, Director, Community and Strategic Planning at ghough@oxfordcounty.ca 519-539-9800 ext. 3207

PLAN YOUR SPRING TREE PLANTING PROJECT NOW!



The Upper Thames River Conservation Authority has trees & grants available. Landowners who reside in the Upper Thames River watershed and own a minimum of 1 hectare (2.5 acres) are eligible to participate in the UTRCA's Tree Planting on Private Lands program.

The program offers:

- Large stock trees (coniferous and deciduous)
- Seedlings (coniferous and deciduous species, as well as wildlife shrubs)

Trees purchased through this program may be planted by the landowner or through the UTRCA's full planting service.

For pricing and availability please contact:



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BATTERY RECYCLING

Since the start of this program in September 2012, the Township of Zorra has collected and returned 694lbs. of batteries to Raw Materials Company for Recycling.



The Township of Zorra has started a free program for recycling of household batteries through Raw Materials Company Inc. (RMC). The program is being offered at four locations throughout the Township:

- Township of Zorra Municipal Office, 274620 27th Line, RR 3, Ingersoll, ON N5C 3J6 – phone 519-485-2490
- Thamesford Arena, 85 Middleton Street, Thamesford, ON NOM 2M0 – phone 519-285-2236
- Embro Arena, 355644 35th Line, Embro, ON NOJ 1J0 – phone 519-475-6061
- Harrington Hall & Library, 539 Victoria Street, Harrington, ON NOJ 1J0 – phone 519-475-6909

Please feel free to drop off your batteries at any of the above locations.



BALE WRAP COLLECTION

HAVE YOUR BALE WRAP COLLECTED RIGHT FROM YOUR FARM OR HOME!

Switch Energy Corp is a Clinton based company that recycles bale wrap, and other film type material and provides pick-up for farmers. The company provides pick-up to farms within a 130 kilometer radius of Clinton. Interested farmers can contact the company to receive their first 10 collection bags. Switch Energy Corp will pick up the full 10 bags and drop off additional empty collection bags, free of charge. The bags are 32x50 in size and hold 35-40lbs. of bale wrap.

Please check the following website for additional information:

<http://switchenergycorp.com> or contact Switch Energy Corp at 519-482-7561

The Rural Oxford Economic Development Corporation

Spring in Zorra is going to be a busy time for economic development. With plans coming together, we are excited to be offering a number of programs to support the businesses and agricultural community of Zorra.

First, we're hosting a photo contest. Rural Oxford is an incredibly prosperous and active community and we want to celebrate it. You can submit your photos depicting rural Oxford by mail, email, or social media. All of the details can be found at www.roedc.ca, but here's a quick glimpse of what we're looking for:

Categories

- Nature & Landscapes
- Animals
- People at work or play
- Events (recreation, festivals)
- Yesteryear

Regardless of when the photo was taken or the experience of the photographer, we would love to profile your images of rural Oxford.

Second, we're unveiling a program to support and encourage those who SHOP LOCAL. The Buy Close By program will educate and encourage residents and businesses to shop local when local is an option. The economic

benefits of shopping locally are many. Keeping dollars in our community supports entrepreneurs, sustains rural jobs, saves time, and keeps our communities thriving. Stay tuned for details!

Third, the economic development office is partnering with business associations and service providers to offer training, workshops, and seminars that will enhance the way you do business. Programs like the Agri-Welding 101 course which has been offered twice this winter, are examples of the type of hands on skills we will be offering in your community. Other local skills training will focus on forklift training, WHMIS, First Aid, Fall Arrest, Confined Spaces, and other certifications that make for a safe and skilled workforce. For small businesses, we'll be offering workshops in a variety of topics including online marketing, joint marketing, customer loyalty, email marketing, customer service, smart serve, and other programs requested by the community. To share your training and learning needs, please contact us by email at bernia@roedc.ca and offer your suggestions.

Finally, we want to make sure that you're visiting the newly enhanced employment



portal, WorkInOxford.ca. This tool helps you to clearly pinpoint the employment and volunteer opportunities in your community. There are plenty of summer jobs posted on the site, so be sure to have college and university students review the offers. If you're looking to hire, check out the site where you can post for FREE.

COMING SOON: The Rural Oxford Economic Development Corporation will be unveiling a new website where you can find all of the news and information on our programs. You'll want to bookmark www.roedc.ca to stay up to date.

Like I said, it's going to be a busy spring in economic development. As always, we're here to support your business, so if you have a query, don't hesitate to contact us.



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CHAMPIONSHIP HOCKEY

Tradition and History in Green and Gold

Story by Karen Calder

On Thursday March 5, 2015 on the ice surface of the Langton Arena, the Thamesford Attack Atom Rep team finished their 2014-15 O.M.H.A. season as O.M.H.A. Semi-Finalists, one series short of their quest to play in the 2014-15 O.M.H.A. Final. Just one year prior, on Wednesday, March 26, 2014, certain members of the team and its coaching staff stood on this very ice surface after winning the 2013-14 O.M.H.A. Novice Rep “DD-D” Championship and they did so wearing green and gold!

The Thamesford Area Minor Hockey Association (T.A.M.H.A.) returned to their original centre colours of green, white and gold for the 2013-14 season; quite the change from the red, black and white worn for the previous seven seasons. Little did the association know this would help set the stage for the making of minor hockey history.

The 2013-14 Thamesford Attack Novice Rep team boasted a talented roster of Carter Aarts, Hunter Collins, Dylan Condotta, Liam Fickling, Carter Froggett, Emmett Gedies, Dale Hunter, Myles Martin, Codi Scott, Michael Verhoeven, Jaxson Vandevenne.

The dedicated and experienced coaching staff included Matt Scott, Head Coach; Anthony Aarts, Assistant Coach; Greg Fickling, Trainer and Amie Vandevenne, Manager.

Talent, experience and dedication are three important components to a successful season, but hard work is required by each and every player and Head Coach Matt Scott knew how to encourage his players to bring their best effort each time they stepped on the ice. This team had no captain or assistants captains. Trainer Greg Fickling states, “Matt stresses the team approach; no captain; no assistants.” Scott’s approach proved successful as his team was just one win shy of a perfect season and the season’s single loss happened during the 2013-14 O.M.H.A. Final Series against Langton.

The team started their 2013-14 O.M.H.A. Playdown quest on February 15, 2014, at home against the Wallaceburg Lakers. That series ended in Wallaceburg on February 21, 2014. The perfect season continued as the Thamesford Attack travelled to West Lorne where they commenced the next series on Saturday March 1,

2014. Three wins and four days later, the Thamesford Attack were on their way to the O.M.H.A. Final Series and a perfect season.

On March 20, 2014, the puck dropped at centre ice at the Thamesford and District Community Centre to start the 2013-14 O.M.H.A. Final Series between the Langton Leafs and the Thamesford Attack. Two days later, Saturday, March 22, the Attack claimed the win in Langton. The Attack was now just one win away from completing the perfect season and claiming the O.M.H.A. Championship. They would return home for Game 3, Sunday March 23.

The Thamesford Trojans (Jr C) know something about championship hockey, they are nine-time Ontario Champions and on Sunday March 23, the nine-time Ontario Champions extended an invitation to the Thamesford Attack Novice Rep to use their dressing room for Game 3 the of the 2013-14 O.M.H.A. Final Series. As the novice aged players entered they took the time to view the pictures that hung on the walls. One picture, in particular, caught their attention, that of their own head coach, who was a member of the 1995 championship team.

Game 3 was everything championship hockey should be. As the buzzer sounded to end the third period, the score was 2-2. This game would be decided in overtime. On this night it would be Langton who would claim the win.

Despite not finishing with a perfect season, the Thamesford Attack did finish as O.M.H.A. Novice DD-D Champions, after defeating the Langton Leafs 4-1 in Langton on Wednesday, March 26, 2014.

As the buzzer sounded, the celebration began immediately and Assistant Coach Anthony Aarts recalls it only too well, “Right after game was like they’d won the Stanley cup; sticks, gloves and even helmets in the air....hugging each other. A presentation was made on the ice. The boys were given championship hats, medals and the large championship trophy. The celebration continued into the dressing room where the kids took turns kissing the cup and drinking Gatorade out of the cup.”

The celebration and recognition continued into the spring when the team was invited to Zorra Township Council Chambers where Mayor Margaret Lupton presented each team member with the Zorra Township

Medal. There was also a team party, where Coach Matt Scott presented each player with a personalized award. In May the team took part in Thamesford’s annual Calithumpian parade.

For those who play minor hockey within the Ontario Minor Hockey Association, there is no higher finish to a season than to win an O.M.H.A. Championship. Thamesford residents, and lifelong friends, Matt Scott and Greg Fickling have made this achievement twice. The two played their entire minor hockey careers in Thamesford and were members of the 1989-1990 O.M.H.A. Midget “D” Champions. The two now coach their sons Codi and Liam, and on March 26, 2014, minor hockey history was made as these two generations stood on the ice surface in Langton as 2013-14 O.M.H.A. Novice Rep “DD-D” Champions. Like their fathers before them, Codi and Liam too proudly wore the green and gold.

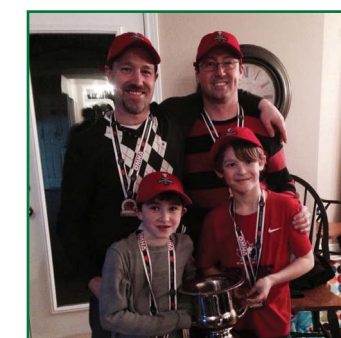
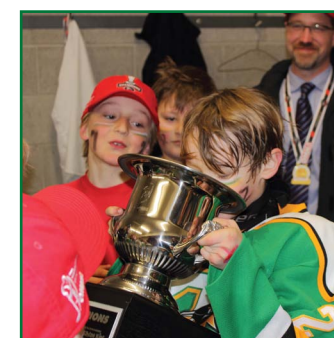
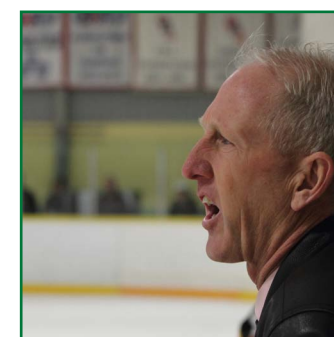


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Recreation Department - Community Events

Thamesford Events

Calithumpian Weekend

Friday, May 15-18, 2015

Contact Andrea Wright at

andrea_wright41@sympatico.ca or 519-285-5129

www.thamesford.org

Thamesford Lions Club Trout Brunch

Thamesford District Recreation Centre

Sunday, May 17, 2015

11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Contact Jim Keron – 519-285-2825

Thamesford Trojans Fish Fry

Thamesford District Recreation Centre

Friday, June 19, 2015

Dinner – 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Dance – 9:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.

Tickets - \$125.00 (includes dinner and dance for 2 & chance to win 9 door prize draws)

Contact Connie Henderson at (519) 285-3510

Thamesford Area Swimming Pool

Early season hours: June 15-24 weekday public swims

4-6pm, weather permitting. Regular schedule starts

Thursday June 25 with 6:30-8pm public swim.

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For more information contact Linda Collier 519 285-5123 or at info@wienerfest.ca To keep your pet safe right now go to www.helpinglostpets.com and register your pet.



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April 7 9:30 am
May 5 9:30 am
June 2 9:30 am

April 21 6:30 pm
May 19 6:30 pm
June 16 6:30 pm

Summer Schedule
July 14 9:30 a.m.
August 11 9:30 a.m.

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Call 519-539-7447 or email info@oxfordcommunityfoundation.org with questions.

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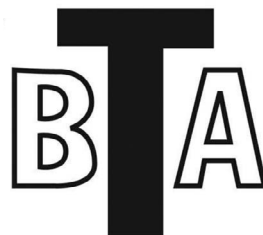
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Once a poster is selected from the Thamesford Lions Club contest it is submitted to a larger area competition and eventually there is a grand prize winner for the world and finalists. The Thamesford contest in 2014 was held from the start of school until early November and then all posters were submitted for viewing and voting at the Lions Club November dinner meeting. Votes go for the poster that most closely supports the theme that is established by the Lions International each year – the 2014/15 theme was "Peace, Love and Understanding."

Voting was conducted and the winning poster was created by Tyson Condotta, Grade 6 at Thamesford Public School. There were a total of 29 posters submitted. Tyson and his parents were invited as guests of the club to the Lions family Christmas Dinner which was held in early December where he received his certificate for winning the local competition - all students who participated received certificates of appreciation from the club.

Also, as a thank you for all students of the school for participating in the contest, our club presented a \$300 donation to the Thamesford Public School Morning Snack program.

The contest for 2015-16 will be in the Fall and Lions International has already set up the theme for the contest which is "Share Peace".



Closing of the Thamesford Legion - Branch 557

The proceeds from the sale of the Thamesford Legion building were donated back to several non-profit organizations in and around the community by Gary Pounds (Thamesford Legion) on January 16, 2015 at the Thamesford Trojans hockey game.

The Thamesford Legion felt that because most of the money came from the community they wanted it to go back to the community. Almost everyone has a child, grandchild, or great grandchild that will benefit from the money.

Donations were as follows:

- Zorra Girl's Hockey Association (\$1000.00)
- Thamesford Minor Hockey (\$7000.00)
- Thamesford Minor Baseball (\$8000.00)
- Thamesford Minor Soccer (\$8000.00)
- Thamesford/Kintore Scouting (\$8000.00)
- Girl Guides of Canada (\$8000.00)
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- Thamesford Trojans (\$8000.00)
- Thamesford Calithumpian Weekend (\$15,000.00)
- 201 Dorchester Air Cadets (\$5000.00)

Message from Gary Pounds (Thamesford Legion):

I trust that all the organizations will make good use of this much needed money. In closing, I would like to thank everyone that supported myself and the Thamesford Legion. There are a few people I would like to thank for all their help over the 14 years I was president and I'm sorry if I forgot anyone. They are Frances Cowan, Beulah Gardner, Brenda Dunlop, Bill Mott, Bob Fisher, Bill Gordon, Bruce Gordon, Stu Macpherson, Boris Nosko, Ted Scott, Garry Bennett, Frank Carter, Mike Koster, Brad Bennett, Margaret Mckenna, Kim & Marty Reath, Steve Gordon, Holly Burgess, Bobby Gordon, Jim Henderson, Bob Henderson, Tyler McCready, Rick Ackert, Milne McCorquodale, Tammy Hooper, and many others thank you.



Photo: Cheque presentation held at the Thamesford Arena



Thamesford P.S.

Thunderwalk – May 15, 2015

On Friday May 15 Thamesford Public School (TPS) is celebrating 20 years of Thunder Walk fundraising. This school event has become a Calithumpian tradition and a fun way for students to kick off the long weekend while raising money for important school projects. This year all funds raised will be going towards purchasing technology for the classrooms as well as a new outdoor sign to help us communicate with the community. Further information can be found on our Facebook group "TPS Annual Thunderwalk".

Education Week May 4-8th - Open the Door Week at TPS

TPS welcomes anyone in the community to our Education Week kickoff event "Opening the Door to the Best You". Josh Yandt "The Doorman" will be sharing his personal story of how he made his high school a better place with the simple gesture of opening the door. Josh decided to make a change that ultimately had a dramatic impact on his life and on the lives of his fellow students. Josh shares his story to help inspire students and families to make a change in how they treat one another and his story was recently highlighted in a West Jet ad during the World Hockey gold medal game.

Date: Monday May 4th
 Time: 5:00pm to 7:00pm – BBQ, bake sale and book fair
 6:00pm to 6:15pm – Josh Yandt "The Doorman" speaks
 6:20pm to 7:00pm - Josh available to answer questions, Math corner and "Are you Smarter than a 7th Grader"

If you have questions for Thamesford Public School's School council please don't hesitate to reach us at parentcounciltps@gmail.com



AJ Baker Public School

Mark your calendars for a fun-filled night on June 11th from 5-8pm. AJ Baker Public School in Kintore will be hosting it's annual funfair filled with fun for everyone! This years theme is agriculture, and will have a special feature from Daniel Steep, as well as a BBQ, kids activities (face painting, photobooth, etc.) and of course the silent auction for the adults.



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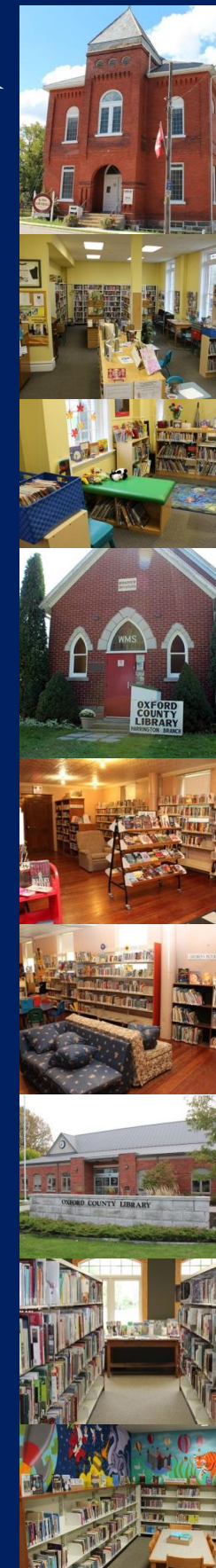


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ZORRA GIRLS FUZION HOCKEY!

The Zorra Girls Hockey Association had a fantastic 2014-2015 season. The girls competed in home and away tournaments throughout the year and had an amazing time!

The Executive would like to thank our sponsors this year Allied Associates, KDM Erectors, Haring Doors, Mouldrite INC, Egan Electric, Thorndale Dental Centre and Brent-Reg Construction. We would also like to thank the Thamesford Legion for the extremely generous donation this year. Also, thank you to all the coaches, bench staff, and volunteers that dedicate so much time and energy to our girl's hockey season. Because of all you our girls can continue to play the sport they love in their hometown. Spring tryouts are being held in late April for our Atom C/B, Peewee B/C, Bantam C/B and Midget B/BB. Coaches are also needed for these teams in the spring.

Please see our website www.zgha.ca for more information.

Thank you and see you at the rink!



The Zorra Girls
Hockey Association



**Congratulations
Embroid Novice
Red Hockey Team!**



Zorra Township would like to congratulate the Embroid Novice Red Hockey Team on their recent championship win of the Grand River Local League Novice Group A Championship! Team Coach Greg Munro. Assistant Coaches Rim Mudford and Richard Donker. Trainer Scott Baker. Players: Calvin Baker, Eddie Donker, Aidan Hewitt, Carter Martin, Liam McCreery, Connor Mudford, Camden Munro, Ethan Skillings, Tykan Zehr, and Justin Minler. These boys requested a photo with their trophy in front of our Embroid Fire Truck. Congrats boys!!



Thamesford Off-Leash Dog Park

Rules for Use of the Off-Leash Park

1. Open from dawn to dusk, 7 days a week.
2. **PICK UP YOUR DOGS POOP** - don't make others do it.
3. Dog must have all vaccinations up to date and dog licenses.
4. Use the off leash dog park at your own risk.
5. Leash your dog while entering and exiting the park.
6. Keep your dog in sight and verbal control at all times.
7. No puppies under 6 months of age, female dogs in heat, sick dogs or aggressive/out of control dogs.
8. No play toys, balls or food of any kind allowed in the park.
9. Unsupervised children under 14 years are not permitted.
10. If your dog digs holes in dirt, please repair holes.
11. Pitbulls as defined under the Ontario law must be muzzled and leashed at all times whether they are in and off leash park or not.
12. No glass containers allowed at park.

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